

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

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SUBJECT: Reports of Significant Developments and Activities
Ending on July 7, 2000

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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities, other significant developments, and training/conferences:

SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Removal Action Completed, Textile Road Site, Ypsilanti, Michigan

On June 19, 2000, the removal action at the Textile Road site in Ypsilanti, Michigan, was completed. Site work began in October 1999. Contractors for the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) completed the off-site disposal of contaminated soils and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) oil, installation of monitoring wells, and a cover for the onsite consolidation area. Site restoration work is in progress. The final step for completion of this project will be submission of a final report within 60 days by the PRPs for United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) review and approval. A schedule of operation and maintenance activities will be submitted along with the final report.

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Response Initiated, Hollander Industries Site, Dayton, Ohio

On June 29, 2000, the U.S. EPA removal action at the abandoned

Hollander Industries site in Dayton, Ohio, was initiated with mobilization of personnel and equipment. The Hollander Industries facility is a 90,000 square-foot building in a residential area. Abandoned waste streams include flammable liquids (methyl ethyl ketone) and corrosives, as well as cadmium wastes. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) requested assistance from U.S. EPA in April 2000 to conduct a time-critical removal. The removal of hazardous wastes is estimated to take 4 weeks.

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National Priorities List Deletion, Laskin/Poplar Oil Company Superfund Site, Jefferson, Ohio

On July 5, 2000, a Propose and Direct Final Notice of Deletion from the National Priorities List (NPL) was published in the Federal Register for the Laskin/Poplar Oil Company Superfund site in Jefferson, Ohio. A September 30, 1987, Record of Decision (ROD) included: construction of a fence; off-site treatment of wastewater; dismantling and off-site disposal of tanks; crushing and incineration of the cinder block walls of the pits; and, backfilling and/or grading of all excavated areas to prevent ponding. A Final Remedy (FR) ROD, issued on June 29, 1989, included: drain retention and fresh water ponds; discharge of surface water to Cemetery Creek with treatment, if required; thermal treatment of contaminated soil, ash, and debris from the boiler house area; disposal of ash onsite, if delistable, or off-site to a Resource Conservation Recovery Act permitted landfill; demolition and thermal treatment, or decontamination of dioxin-contaminated structures; containment in an onsite concrete vault of material that could not be thermally treated or decontaminated; de-watering of the site by a groundwater diversion trench up-gradient combined with natural groundwater flow to Cemetery Creek; a multi-layer cap; groundwater and surface water monitoring; and, access and use restrictions. U.S. EPA conducted a final inspection and approved a Preliminary Close Out Report on September 23, 1993.

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Site Assessment Sampling and Press Event (Brownfields), Bowser Pump Plant Property, Fort Wayne, Indiana

On June 14, 2000, Brooke Furio attended the second round of Phase II sampling conducted on parcel B of the three parcel, 12-acre Bowser Pump Plant property in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The site assessment activities at the Bowser Pump Plant property are being paid for by U.S. EPA through the Brownfields Assessment and Demonstration Pilot grant.

Brooke Furio attended a Press Event at the Bowser Pump Plant Property on June 15, 2000. The Press Event was held for the leaders of Greater Progressive Community Development Corporation, the faith-based group now developing parcel A. Parcel A was subject to environmental testing last summer. The event was held to celebrate the ground breaking of Andre and Dawn Clopton's new, two-story home at the corner of Holton and Fisher Streets. They plan to be the owners of the first privately-financed home constructed as part of a partnership to redevelop the site as Phoenix Place, a 2 1/4-acre, 10-lot neighborhood. Four of the ten lots have already been sold. Officials from the City of Fort Wayne and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management also attended the event.

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Proposal Meeting (Monitored Natural Attenuation), Seymour Recycling Corporation Superfund Site, Seymour, Indiana

In June 2000, a meeting was held to discuss the potential use of monitored natural attenuation for groundwater remediation at the Seymour Recycling Corporation Superfund site in Seymour, Indiana. The proposed groundwater remedy would replace the current pump & treatment system after the minimum 12 year pumping requirement under the 1988 Consent Decree is completed in 2001. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and U.S. EPA are reviewing the proposal. The current groundwater remedy at the Seymour site involves the use of three extraction wells and a treatment plant utilizing air stripping and activated carbon. It is estimated that over 90 percent of the contaminant mass has already been removed from the monitored groundwater at the Seymour site.

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

Investigations, Problem Oil Pits, Southern Indiana

During the week of June 19, 2000, Federal On-Scene Coordinators and inspectors from the Emergency Response Branch (ERB) completed Phase 2 of the Problem Oil Pits (POPs) Action Plan for Indiana. Betty Lavis, Shiela Calovich, Fred Bartman, and Thomas Cook, with the assistance of inspectors from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Indiana Department of Emergency Management (IDEM) conducted inspections at 70 crude oil production facilities in seven Counties in southern Indiana. The purpose of the inspections was to determine if facilities previously identified as potential problem sites in aerial surveys were in compliance with State and Federal regulations (Oil Pollution Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act). Of the 70 facilities inspected, the inspectors determined about half were not in compliance. A number of the facilities were immediately cited for violations by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources inspectors; most were repeat offenders. The inspections resulted in a list of sites potentially requiring corrective action. U.S. EPA is working with the State of Indiana to determine the most effective way to deal with the more serious violators and bring their facilities into compliance. This may result in U.S. EPA initiating enforcement actions or directly cleaning up abandoned sites.

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TRAINING/CONFERENCES**Meeting, Downriver Community Conference, Wayne County, Michigan**

On June 12, 2000, Mike Gifford accompanied Region 5's Regional Administrator, Francis X. Lyons, on a bus tour that showcased several of the successful brownfield projects assessed under the Downriver Community Conference Brownfield Assessment Pilot in suburban Wayne County, Michigan. Two of the sites are currently being developed (one in the City of Monroe and one in the City of Taylor) and a third site (in Dearborn) has been successfully redeveloped as a state-of-the-art medical facility that currently employs sixteen people. Approximately 60 people attended the

3-hour tour which was followed by lunch and a keynote address by Congressman John Dingel.

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Meeting, Hennepin County's Department of Environmental Services, Minneapolis, Minnesota

On June 26, 2000, Brooke Furio met with Hennepin County's Department of Environmental Services to discuss shared priorities and initiatives between the two agencies. The status of the County's Brownfields Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund Pilot, Doc's Auto Removal, and Bassett Creek Valley were some of the topics of discussion. Philip Eckhert, the Director of the Department of

Environmental Services, along with several staff members, attended the meeting.

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